Mr. Duff Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty, had found it necessary to resign on account of his disapproval of the Government's foreign policy.

After the exhilaration of being presented with peace with honour when the alternatives had appeared to be war and peace with dishonour, came a perceptible hangover, intensified by the German Government's total disregard of the Munich Agreement, and the savage pogroms which were ordered in Germany as retaliation for the murder by a young Jew of a German Embassy official, von Rath, in Paris. Ideologues lifted up their heads and their voices; Cliveden Set was rediscovered, and suspended defiance, resumed. Like remembered steamer confidences, the emotion generated by Mr. Chamberlain's flights and dramatic announcements of the Munich Conference, soon staled, and in retrospect was distasteful. Had there really been a crisis at all? it began to be wondered. Was the whole thing a cunning stratagem to facilitate concessions to the Nazis ? What part had M. Bonnet played, lugubrious, large-nosed French Foreign Minister ? How had the French Press come so unanimously to advocate surrender? Why did even the Tabouis cease from troubling ? Why was she at rest ? Relieved from fear's paralysis, speculation flourished, and to feed it there soon appeared much printed matter—eye-witness accounts, day by day journals, angles innumerable, viewpoints diverse, greatest torrent of recorded words so far released. A thunderclap sounds, and the jungle is still; then, when the silence is found to persist, a chattering begins, a babble of sounds, each creature large and small

giving tongue, until another thunderclap, another silence.

A source of uneasiness was the frequently expressed opinion that Mr. Chamberlain had been forced to yield because he knew that England was inadequately defended, and ill-equipped to enter upon a war. Ecstatically waved document of contractual peace notwithstanding, a strong desire manifested itself that now at last strength should be acquired. *We must be strong, we must be strong * even Mr. Chamberlain said it, despite expectation of peace in our time; 'On Britain's strength depends